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**NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
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Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application of:

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For: Network Security Data Management System and Method

This new application is for an original (nonprovisional) continuation application.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/444,937, filed November 22, 1999, and titled "Network Security Data Management System and Method."

Enclosed are: (a) Eighteen (18) pages of specification;

(b) Five (5) pages of claims;

(c) One (1) page of abstract; and

(d) Nine (9) sheets of drawings.

A petition for extension of time has been filed in the prior application, extending the date of response to the office action in the prior application to November 23, 2001. A copy of the petition filed in the prior application is included herewith.

Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

"This application is a continuation of co-pending application U.S. Serial No. 09/444,937, filed November 22, 1999."

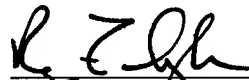
Please abandon the prior application at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date, so as to make this application copending with said prior application.

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